

company with Mr. Bradley, presented the Juncau monument to the city, and also gave several fine works of art to the Layton gallery. Mr. Metcalf had one of the finest private art galleries to be found in the country.

found unconscious in the home in the morning. The cause of death was not determined. He died seven hours later. His death was one of the many fatalities of alcoholism.

James H. McLaughlin, a representative from Missouri, October 28, 1934, and was made past assistant paymaster March 10, 1935. He was placed on the retired list June 30, 1937.

WARMER, FAIR WEATHER.

But No Decided Change In Temperatures—To-Day's Indefinite.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The weather will clear-to-day in all districts except New England, where it will probably clear to-night. The temperature will fall to-night in the Middle and Pacific States and will rise from the Mississippi valley westward. Forecast until 6 p. m. Sunday: For Indiana and Illinois—fair; Monday: warmer; Sunday afternoon northeasterly winds, becoming variable.

The Local Forecast.

For Indianapolis and vicinity: for the thirty-six hours ending 6 p. m. April 27: Mild. Cold, fair weather; nearly stationary temperature Saturday; slightly warmer, fair on Sunday.

LOCAL TEMPERATURE.

7 a. m. 39° 12 p. m. 50° 3 p. m. 50°

Another blizzard in Allinville, Chicago, April 3.—Another blizzard

north wind has been blowing since noon yesterday, and at 9 o'clock snow commenced falling. It is still snowing and the thermometer, already far below the freezing point, is going down rapidly. At Ramsey, Minn., the thermometer has reached the freezing point and it is rapidly growing colder. Numerous places make similar reports. Snow fell for short hours here and there, but a cold wind is blowing.

VANDALIA FREIGHT WRECK.

Three Tramps Supposed To Be Under the Debris.

(Special to The Indianapolis News.)

Chicagoland, April 6.—The Vandalia freight train was wrecked here at 10:30 a. m. to-day. Three cars were derailed, but none of the train men were injured. Three tramps are supposed to have been sleeping in the sleeping car. It is added, but the road will be clearing by 4 p. m.

BANKER MEAD'S MURDER.

A Member of the Legislature Arrested For It—Other Arrests.

WATPAUA, Wis., April 6.—Assemblyman Fred Lee was arrested yesterday for the murder of Banker Mead in 1921, when the banker was shot to death by a mob of thugs and scoundrels. Others have been indicted.

KILLED BY HER SON.
She Was Out Shooting With Him, and the Gun Accidentally Discharged.

TOPKAN, Kan., April 4.—Mrs. Rose, the wife of a farming live twelvemiles from this place, was shot and instantly killed by her twelve-year-old son. The boy, accompanied by his mother, was shooting in a field, when his gun was accidentally discharged. It had been pointed into his mother's breast, killing her almost instantly.

Alleged Offer to Minister Egan.
NEW YORK, April 3.—The Herald's Valparaiso man says that the Chilean Consul General McCroarty told me to-night that Minister Patrick Buchanan had been offered by Secretary of State Blaine the post of minister to Chile. The offer was to Patrick Buchanan or to Perkins. Mr. Egan, so McCroarty says, after thinking over the matter, declined both offers, saying that he would go to Peru, but that it was too expensive. His objection to Perkins was the distance.

The Kingdom to Europe.
NEW YORK, April 3.—The annual date of

Prive big gamblers sailed to-day, filled to the utmost with voyagers. Steamship agents report that they expect to sell the tickets for May and June are now taken on the popular line, and indications are that the number of passengers will be large. It is expected that this season will surpass that of any previous year.

Arrested Assault by a Fire.
[Special to The Indianapolis News.]

PASADENA, April 9.—A large frame dwelling belonging to William Lookhart and occupied by him as a residence is now on fire and insured for \$7000 in the Phoenix of Brooklyn. The flames are spreading to the two-story adjoining building, which increases the peril of surrounding property.

Attempted Suicide With Opium.
[Special to The Indianapolis News.]

MORRISTOWN, April 8.—Sam Condo, a wagon maker of this place, took opium with suicidal intent yesterday afternoon, but his friends drank and domestic difficulty was the cause.

DOTS AND DASHES.

Oil at Pittsburg 37c.
Spring wheat is hurt by the frosts.

Herbert Stucky, of Paris, O., mistook jug of concentrated ice for older and was fatally burned.

William Foreman has been renominated for Congress by the Democrats of the Eleventh Illinois district.

The New England Southern M. E. conference has voted against admitting women to the General Conference.

The cornerstone of the tomb and monument to be erected in New York to the memory of General Grant will be laid on the 27th inst.

Mrs. N. C. Adams, of Bristol, Tenn., charged with complicity in the murder of her husband, Monday night, was acquitted yesterday.

The various Atlantic steamship companies have decided to raise steamer rates in this country about 15 a head, on account of the new restrictions on immigration.

There were 238 business failures during the seven days ending last night. The losses were \$1,000,000.

Week last night there were 36 callers.

Services were held Sunday, Friday in the hold of the burned steamship, the *Quila* at Cincinnati. Two of them were identified as those of William Madison and Frank Riley.

As the result of Dr. Parkhurst's made, seventy-eight women were looked up at the Tomba, New York, last night, and sixty-four to Elizabeth's last night.

At Canton, O., yesterday, John McCard shot and killed S. T. Wallenbach, seriously wounded his wife and then put a bullet through his own head. Jealousy was the cause.

A reunion of Confederate veterans at New Orleans yesterday passed a resolution calling upon the Southern States at each year an annual appropriation of \$500 to the widow of Jefferson Davis.

All the attaches of the New York Bureau of Consular Affairs were recalled when it was learned that a man with the name had been in the office. Eight cases of the disease have been reported.

Rev. J. T. Satchell, for years pastor of the North-avenue Methodist Episcopal church

pastorate of St. Paul's M. E. church, New York, and will leave for his new field of labor next week.

Yesterday morning Charles, eldest son of Judge John C. Wear, of Poplar bluff, Missouri, was involved in a quarrel with a fellow student, Leal. Wear drew a revolver and shot Leal in the temple, from which he died. Wear gave himself up and is in jail.

Dun & Co.'s review of trade shows men actual business transacted during the past week than ever before at this season of the year. Reports from many points are full of encouragement. At St. Louis, steady and rapid improvement is noted in all branches of the money market conditions will brighten and clear.

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 York.
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 on the cake.
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 N. M.
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 N. M.
 1-FURNISHED FRONT ROOMS, 20
 N. M.
 1-TWO BATHROOMS, CHEAP, 20
 N. M.
 1-FURNISHED ROOM, FRONT ROOM, 10
 N. M.
 1-1008 NORTH MERIDIAN STREET,
 1-FRONT ROOM, GENTLEMAN, 65
 N. M.
 1-ONE NICELY FURNISHED ROOM
 with bath, 10 N. M.
 1-2 FURNISHED ROOMS, WITH
 bath, 20 N. M.
 1-FURNISHED ROOM, MAN AND
 30 N. M.
 1-NICELY FURNISHED FRONT
 ROOM, 10 N. M.
 1-THREE OR FOUR ROOMS; FIRST
 10 N. M.
 1-113 North Illinois st.
 1-1-2 FURNISHED ROOMS, ALL CON-
 veniences, 75 N. M.
 1-2 ROOM AND BATH, LADY, REA-
 sonable, 30 N. M.
 1-FURNISHED ROOM, MODERN
 conveniences, 20 N. M.
 1-3 THREE GOOD ROOMS, CHEAP,
 20 N. M.
 1-2 FURNISHED ROOMS, 20 N. M.
 1-1-2 FURNISHED ROOMS WITH
 bath, 20 N. M.
 1-NICELY FURNISHED ROOM,
 10 N. M.
 1-NEWLY FURNISHED ROOM,
 10 N. M.
 1-2 FURNISHED ROOM, SECOND FLOOR,
 10 N. M.
 1-THREE FURNISHED ROOMS, 10
 N. M.
 1-TWO FURNISHED ROOMS,
 10 N. M.
 1-FURNISHED FRONT ROOM,
 10 N. M.
 1-2 FURNISHED ROOMS, 10 N. M.
 1-ELEGANT ROOMS WITH BATH,
 10 N. M.
 1-2 FURNISHED ROOMS FOR LIGHT
 cleaning, 20 N. M.
 1-FRONT SUITE, UNFURNISHED,
 10 N. M.
 1-TWO UNFURNISHED ROOMS,
 10 N. M.
 1-ONE OR TWO BATHS, 10 N. M.
 1-2 FURNISHED ROOMS, 10 N. M.
 1-NICELY FURNISHED ROOM,
 10 N. M.
 1-HANDSOME FURNISHED
 room, with or without bath, 10 N. M.
 1-TWO NICE, UNFURNISHED
 rooms, 10 N. M.
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 housekeeping; adults, 10 N. M.
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The circulation of The Indianapolis News for twelve months to April 1, 1892, was an average of 25,644 (not counting unsold and returned papers) for each day.

A New Soldiers' Home.

The report of the committee to the establishment of the G. A. R. that a soldiers' home should be built on the cottage plan, which will enable the old soldiers to have their wives with them, deserves a hearty commendation. An unfortunate feature of soldiers' homes, with the exception of the one in Wisconsin, is that of separating the old soldier from his family, at an age when he most needs the care and companionship of a wife. It will be noticed that although every material comfort is provided at these institutions the inmates are discontented and restless if they have any family ties on the outside. They are "homes" only in name, for there can not be a home where there are only men to make it. Give the old soldiers their old wives to go with them down life's decline and they will smoke the pipe of peace and happiness. Such a soldiers' home as this would be an additional credit to a State which has erected to the memory of those who are gone the finest monument for this purpose in the world.

Afloat in Australia.

The reports which come from Australia indicate that country to be passing through a financial panic which is almost equal to a collapse. For twenty years her colonies have existed on borrowed capital, meeting their deficits with foreign loans, to obtain which they mortgaged everything in sight. Too much has been done. Railroads have been built on a great scale, lavish expenditures made in public works and land and banking companies organized galore. The colonies found themselves unable to borrow any more money. The public debt is about \$900,000,000; the debts on mortgages and private property are \$250,000,000; England held mortgages to the value of \$45,000,000 five years ago and the amount is now greatly increased. To carry all this debt there is a population of some thing over 4,000,000. Property in the past two years has depreciated one-half, imports have decreased, revenues fallen off and public works have been suspended. Wool, the chief export, fell 25 per cent in value and great distress followed large losses. The people have herded together in the cities, which are now filled with starving workmen, and the once thriving country presents a striking example of the evil of doing business on an inflated credit.

Women as Principals of Schools.

Teaching has for many years been considered an especially suitable profession for women, and they have had undisputed rights in this direction. As a rule, however, they have not been permitted to hold the highest positions in the public schools, the principalship being reserved almost exclusively for men. As might be expected, from the tendency of the times, the women are beginning to object to this state of affairs and insist that fitness and experience, and not sex, should govern these appointments. In Chicago the matter has been taken up by the Illinois Woman's Press Association who are making a determined fight for this principle. In Philadelphia a woman, Miss Sherry, was elected to the position of principal of the grammar school, but the Board of Control refused to permit her to take the situation. When pressed for a reason they stated, among others, that she rode horseback and looked the place so that the pupils could not drum on it. Finally they were forced to declare that she should not have the position because she is a woman. She has now carried the matter into court to compel the board to confirm her election, and the latter assert that if she succeeds, they will regard the school and abolish the position.

The Great Silver Supply.

It is not surprising that the mine owners Senators are calling loud and long for the unlimited issuance of silver when we read that the mines in Leadville are closing because of an overproduction. The output is one-third larger than it was four or five years ago, and in the meantime several new and rich mines have been discovered. In 1887 the production was 41,721,892 ounces, in 1891 it was about 53,000,000 ounces. In twenty years it has multiplied five times. The world's supply has risen one-half in five years. The cost of production is not much above 50 cents an ounce, and it has varied in price during the past eighteen months from 85 cents to \$1.17 per ounce, verily a handsome profit. The purchase by the Government of nearly one-half of the entire product of the world has not been sufficient to keep up the price, however, and an additional fall is predicted by experienced judges both in this country and abroad. It is not surprising that the mine owners are clamoring for a law which will compel the Government to take all of this silver at more than the market value of the bullion, but it does seem remarkable that they can convert any considerable number of disinterested persons to the belief that this will be a good thing for the country at large.

Spring Fever.

We are approaching that season of the year when we echo the thought of the little girl, who stretched herself out on the floor and exclaimed: "I know I must have been born to be a queen. I do so hate to work." The germ of the malady, called in common parlance, "spring fever," baffles the bacteriologist. The microbe has not been discovered, no method of inventive inoculation has been developed, no institute founded to receive the patients. It is an epidemic that numbers its victims by the thousands and yet no fatal case has ever been reported. The mode of the disease seems to be implanted in the system and germinate in the spring-time when a cold seed-life bursts into being. We see the boy forsake his games and lie down

in the shade, and we know that he has the fever. We see the girl swing in her hammock without the strength to curl her limp fingers, and we understand that it has seized upon her. We hear the man declare that he will have to take a little outing for his health, and we know that he is in the throes. When the housewife asserts that she is all run down and must go to the doctor and get a tonic, it goes without saying that she is in the midst of an attack.

A diagnosis of the case shows that the patient has a strong dislike for work, that he is ready to testify that palatable cooking is a lost art, that people are not as pleasant as they used to be, that marriage is a failure and that life is not worth living. He loses his grip on practical things, and talks about trips to the woods and gathering violets. A slight touch of romance thrills his thoughts, and he has a tendency to gaze at the clouds and do nothing, although he would scorn the suggestion that it is his liver and not his heart that is affected. There are some people who claim to be superior to these attacks of spring fever, but we do not like those people. They have not the touch of nature that makes us all akin. They are too superior to be entirely agreeable. The spring-fever season is an anniversary which we should miss if it failed to come, and it possesses that enjoyment which we involuntarily feel at seeing other people as miserable as ourselves, when we are fully aware that there is nothing the matter with any of us.

Some Elementary Statements.

Shakespeare must have had "fat" in his mind when he wrote of the "insane root," which, once eaten, "took the reason prisoner." Our esteemed contemporary, the Sentinel, is possessed of it. We had said that we did not imagine that it would contend that Congress could transmute a thing consisting of seventy parts into a thing consisting of one hundred of the same parts, which was to say that Congress could not make 70 cents into 100 cents. But our contemporary declares that that is precisely its contention, and more; to quote it:

We go further and contend that one cent—just a plain, common cent—can be made 100 cents by an act of Congress, if Congress so desire. All that will be necessary is to re-stamp it and put on it "one dollar" instead of "one cent." And when it is done it will be one dollar, and will have the purchasing power of one dollar so long as the credit of the Government is unimpaired. The News will also observe that we mean it will be worth 100 cents in money, and not in gold. Gold is not a measure of value any more than any other commodity. It is bought and sold for money every day. Neither its value nor any other value is measured by "gold dollars" any more than it is measured by any other kind of dollars. In this country all values are measured in United States dollars.

There is still here that confusion of terms of which we have before spoken. The Sentinel confuses legal tender with value, and so loses sight of the true function of money and the true office of the Government in coinage. As we have repeatedly said:

The law-making power of a country can decree anything to be a legal tender—as we pointed out the other day that Sparta had made iron and brass legal tender, and as wampum and cowrie shells had been made legal tender. But no law can change the value of commodities; nor can any law compel a man to part with his property.

When government issues pieces of paper to be legal tender, those pieces of paper are promises to pay a dollar. "Dollar" means in the markets of the world including our own market, a certain value, an amount of commodity it may be wheat, shoes, machinery, gold or silver. When trade rises above barter and commerce becomes possible, some convenient thing having value has to be used as the medium of exchange. The farmer wants shoes and wheat to offer for them, but the shoemaker has sufficient wheat and hence he can not trade with the farmer. The shoemaker does want a hammer, however. But the hardware man does not want shoes; he does want wheat. Now here are three men wanting something that each has, yet that each does not want in direct return. So gold—a thing that has value—is used as the medium of exchange. The shoemaker sells his shoes to the farmer for a certain price, and the civilized world says this shall be measured by a certain quantity of gold. With this gold the shoemaker buys the hammer that he needs, and in turn the hardware dealer buys of the farmer what wheat he wants. That is trade, and hence rises commerce.

But how is the gold to be handled? Who is to weigh it, certify to its value, and testing "acids and tools to do the work with at each purchase and sale. So they agree in common (that is their government) to mint the gold into a convenient shape and stamp it, certifying that there are in the various pieces so much gold of such a fineness. That is the beginning and end of coinage. The pieces of various governments are exchanged on an equality according to the intrinsic value of the gold—the value as a commodity. That is the whole of commerce.

If now a government says: "We mean by a dollar not this certain amount of gold, but a piece of copper worth in this gold one hundredth of it, or a piece of silver worth seven-tenths of it," it is not apparent that every one who has shoes or wheat, or hammers to sell will raise the price of those things to equalize the difference between the copper or silver dollar of the Government and the amount of gold in what has been called the dollar and which is taken in the markets of the world as such? That is if our gold dollar equals five francs in French coinage, our copper dollar would equal only a twentieth of a franc, and it would take 100 of our copper dollars to do in settling balances with France what one gold dollar now does. This would be equalized in trade by a rise in prices. The analogy with the silver dollar is the same.

There can not be two standards of value any more than there can be two standards of measure. An English yard and a quarter equals a European meter. To declare that a yard shall equal it is futile. We may declare it, but when we attempt to buy cloth on that measure the cost of the cloth will be raised to cover the short measure. So, if we declare 371½ grains of silver to be a dollar, our values will be adjusted to that basis. The amount of gold now in a dollar will be at a premium. God will be worth \$1.30—measured by our silver standard. To make a legal tender is one thing; to establish a standard of value is another. When Government issues paper promises

to pay a dollar and decrees them to be legal tender they are such, and they will be taken in exchange for merchandise at gold prices so long as people believe the Government is able to redeem the promise and pay the dollar. When they fear it can not, then gold goes to a premium, as the saying is; that is, people being still compelled to take this legal tender in payment they raised the price of their goods to cover the doubt they have of the Government being able to redeem its promise. Gold goes to \$1.50, say; which means that the legal tender promises to pay a dollar will buy only two thirds of what a gold dollar will buy; or that it will take \$1.50 of them to buy as much cloth or leather as a gold dollar will buy. But when the Government proposes not to issue legal tender for a dollar—promises to pay a dollar—but the dollar itself and declares that this dollar shall be 371½ grains of silver, the markets of the world, including our own, will say that it is worth only 70 cents in gold, as measured by the gold dollar of the United States; or as measured by wheat, lace, wine, leather or what not, is worth only seventy parts, where the gold dollar was worth one hundred, and hence this thing now our dollar will buy only seven, while formerly the thing that was our dollar bought ten; and so all values and prices are to be re-adjusted to meet it, as set out above in the comparison with the copper.

Canadian Annexation.

The subject of annexation still continues to agitate the Canadian people. A Mr. McDonald, Conservative member from Toronto of the Dominion Parliament, has announced that he will be a candidate for re-election upon the issue of annexation. He has a platform which makes the conditions much more favorable to Canada than the United States, of course, one plank declaring that before taking possession of the Dominion this country should pay the entire Canadian debt, both provincial and municipal. This reminds one of the way the white man proposed to divide the turkey and the buzzard with the Indian. Canada would get the turkey. The Montreal Herald takes a sensible view of it when it says that the United States does not seem to be casting longing eyes northward, and that the probably would not care to hamper her policies by taking in a lot of States whose vote would be an unknown factor at the elections. The matter, however, is not to be viewed from a purely political standpoint. We would add to our population 5,000,000 people, a large proportion of whom are densely ignorant, a vast number unable to speak the English language. They are accustomed to live in a manner that would enable them to accept much lower wages than are considered necessary for the residents of the United States. This has been demonstrated by those who have crossed over into New England, and whose presence is bitterly resented by the people of that locality. Canada has a distinctively dual population, British and French, who do not mix socially or politically, and whose contentions are irreconcilable. A million voters would be added to our list who would know practically nothing of our institutions, and would increase our already too large vote of this kind. Another most objectionable feature is the corruption that flourishes in official life in the Dominion. They have no such conception of official integrity as is the rule in the United States, and their office-seekers would be on hand just the same after annexation. These are a few of the reasons that may be urged against this measure, although there is very little probability of its becoming an issue in the near future.

The United States Treasury Report.

This United States treasury report showed a net cash balance at the end of March of \$123,883,884, according to the present style of bookkeeping. As available assets this sum is subject to the following drafts: For redemption fund \$100,000,000, subsidiary coin \$14,746,017, bonds awaiting reimbursement \$87,192, minor coin, etc. \$488,730, deposits in national banks \$1,160,700, redemption account, national bank notes \$28,846,821, making a total of \$123,425,340. In other words, the treasury is actually short \$23,883,884, the proper obligation of the Government, aside from the appropriations of the last Congress, leaving it that much behind. Verily, we will have to have a tariff for revenue.

A Curious of Indianapolis.

A curious of Indianapolis yesterday set down a magnificent oak tree eight feet in diameter, possibly the finest specimen in this locality. It makes one heart sick to see such a sacrifice as this. Doubtless there are a number of citizens, sufficiently interested in the preservation of the tree, who would willingly have paid \$100,000 for it. The tree is a specimen of the "monarch of the forest," whose mates are so rapidly falling victims to the woodman's axe. If any further destruction of this sort is contemplated, let us hope an opportunity may be given to recompense the owner for their financial value and save the tree.

This bank clearings of the country thus far this year greatly exceed those of any corresponding time in recent years. The March total for all cities was \$3,171,000,000, against \$1,138,000,000 in 1891, and \$4,388,000,000 in 1890. The total for the year was \$15,925,000,000, against \$12,300,000,000 for 1891 and \$14,232,000,000 in 1890, an increase over the latter year, which was a "boom" year, of 23 per cent, and over last year of 28 per cent. Much of it, however, was due to speculative transactions.

The correspondence in regard to the rejection of Mr. Blair by the Chinese government has been made public, at his request. It shows just what was stated at the time, that he was rejected because he voted for the exclusion act. According to the vote of a few days ago there are 179 men who will sever as ministers to China.

Count Lovichetti confirms the report that his engagement to Miss Fleischman is broken off, but declares that he will never, no, never, let the reason why. Perhaps the fact that he is about to start an insect-proof factory had something to do with it.

A bill was introduced yesterday in the House, for Mr. Springer, authorizing the calling of an international monetary congress to meet in Chicago during the World's Fair.

Secretary Blaine is still struggling with the attempt to convince his over-zealous followers that he does not want and will not accept the presidential nomination.

The remaining conventions in Oklahoma are to be opened April 19, when doubtless there will be a repetition of former scenes of disorder and lawlessness.

The President is hunting snipe. Several persons have been in the bushes holding the bag for some time.

Tom robin and the bluebird will have frost on toes.

How shall I Pray?

Father, how can I thus be led to pray? Then thou shalt grant me that, and spare me that. How should my ignorance not go astray. And should my foolish lips not speak amiss. And ask for thee when thou wilt and ask thee.

How shall I dare to prompt thee, the All-wise. To show me kindness? Thou art ever kind. Thou art my father, my mother, my friend. Which view the creature's past before, behind, And sweep unnumbered worlds like vision's wind?

Why goodness unthink what thing shall be. O Lord, thou knowest—give it or deny it. Why should I raise a needless prayer to thee. Or importune Omnipotence to grant My wishes, dim, short-sighted, ignorant?

And yet I come—for thou hast hidden and But not to weary thee, or specify A wish, but rather with this prayer instead, "O Lord, thou knowest—give it or deny it. Fill up the cup of joy or pass me by."

"Just as thou wilt is just what I would wish. Give me but this, the heart to be content. And if my wish is thwarted, to its still, O Lord, thou knowest—give it or deny it. And the sweet thing made plain which the Lord meant."

"SCRAPs."

London has a trade journal called the Stick and Umbrella News.

Otto E. Vallender, mayor of Hamden, Ct., is only twenty-four years old.

Pneumatic tubes for mail will probably be in operation at the World's Fair.

The Navajo Indians will cover enter a house which a death has taken place.

As the result of some recent grant, Monte Carlo is frequented by enormous crowds.

The key of the French bastille is now owned by the Apprentice's Library of New York city.

The king of the Penobscot bay was taken at Isleboro recently. It weighed eighteen ounces.

Nine young men are about to walk from America, Ga., to Chicago, a distance of a thousand miles by road, on a wager.

A street letter box, charged with electricity from crossed wires, gave a severe shock to a Pittsburgh letter-carrier recently.

A Philadelphia Sunday-school teacher asked a little boy, "What sort of little boys 'Dead-u'?"

Hon. Albert G. Wakeland, Bangor's veteran lawyer, wears a pair of calfskin boots that he has had since 1861, and they are in good condition now.

Forty-one states and foreign countries including Japan, Egypt, Sicily, and South Africa have students enrolled in the University of Michigan.

A large cave was recently discovered in Montana, which contained the bones of a mammoth which had fallen into it and were unable to escape.

Ex-Gov. Tom Carlin, of Illinois, was in early life a village bully. A sound thrashing made a man of him. The man who thrashed him helped him to secure an education.

Chicle is a gum-like substance which is said to be the equal of india-rubber as an insulating material. It is the sap of the sapote tree, and comes from Campeche and Yucatan.

Professor Koch has written to a Swedish physician that he will not accept of his improved tuberculin until he shall have tested it beyond all chance of doubt in his clinics.

Beacon, a city on the Ganges, is said to have been named because it is said to have been founded by a king, toward the ground, and swallow several months of smoke in a manner which produces a kind of intoxication lasting several minutes.

The wife of Secretary Rusk is a cousin of the Norwegian poet and novelist, Bjornstjerne Bjornson. His daughter, the wife of Secretary's daughter, is the hero of one of Bjornson's novels not yet translated. (New York Herald.)

The earliest known lens is one of rock crystal, found at Leptis, Egypt, and is said to have been used by the Egyptians for thousands of years, now lies in the British Museum, as bright and clear as the day it left the maker's hands.

A North Broad-street dealer displays a string of beads of a large size. The animal stands on the runner, which comes up into its mouth. The single passenger sits on the rump and his legs and feet are hidden in the deer's stomach. (Philadelphia Record.)

The Potomac contains large numbers of gold-fish. Several years ago there was a freshet, which caused the commission's ponds in Washington to overflow, and many of the gold-fish and spawn got out into the river. They have since been brought in in large numbers, from the upper Potomac to its mouth.

Bombay, India, has opened magnificent new water-works, supplying the city with gravity, with 31,000,000 gallons of water daily. The water is brought from a great artificial lake, and passes through sixty-two miles of tunnels. The water-works, including the dam and aqueducts, are among the famous engineering works of the world.

It is the custom in China to burn old, worn-out, wooden idols and cast the ashes in the river in order to prevent the possibility of the idol being profaned by water-troops and other evil influences. It is also the custom in India among the Brahmins to throw their marble idols in the river when they become broken.

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THE DAHOMEY AMAZONS.

When This Strange Story of Warriors Was First Organized—A Sham-Battle. (New York News.)

If the King of Dahomey has doubled his force of Amazons, he has now about six thousand of these soldiers. The female warriors are an old feature of Dahomey's army. The first corps was raised about the year 1720, when a body of women who had been armed and supplied with banners, merely as a stratagem, to make the attacking forces appear larger, behaved with such unexpected gallantry as to lead to the forming of a permanent regiment of women. They are kept under the most rigid discipline, and the aim is to make them positively invincible. Prices paid for their services are not small. For a single day's service they are paid \$1.00, and for a month's service \$10.00. They are also paid for their food and clothing. They are also paid for their food and clothing.

Mr. Harcourt, one of the few white visitors to the capital, Abomey, tells of a sham fight which proves that maneuvers of this sort in Dahomey are not the playful affairs that they are in civilized countries.

In a space used as a drill-ground there have been raised a series of banks of thorny cactus bushes about 1,300 feet high, twenty feet broad, and seven feet apart. The top of each bank is a level of broad and high. The two slopes of the roof were covered with a bed of thorns. The whole represented a fortified town.

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M. W. REED'S SERMON.

THE SAVIOR WAS NEITHER VICTIM NOR MARTYR.

A Sermon on Gethsemane—The Temptation That Comes With Poverty—Compassion for the Disciples Who Fell Asleep.

(Sermon preached at Denver April 1.)

Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane. Matthew xvi, 26.

Very pleasant is the following and the uprightness of the people, but you can not depend upon a steady following. People will follow a leader so long as he leads them. People are ready enough to cheer their own opinions. The time comes when you will need to depend upon your own thought and conscience.

The last days of the voyage of Columbus were lonely days. He had to depend on his own vision. I do not know what he had been—probably a buccaner. We know that he was to be a trader in slaves. But in spite of what he had been and was to become, once he was great.

How am I for what end God knows not. Westward still point the inaccessible sea. Here am I, with no friend but the sea and the beating heart of this great enterprise, which without me would stiffen in swift death.

One falls against a whole earth's unbelief. One soul against the flesh of all mankind.

We, one by one, make the same lone voyage—you and I will need to depend on a personal conviction. In fact, man spends his time mostly alone. When he finds anything he calls in the neighbors and says "rejoice with me," but when he loses anything, he is wise; he does not call in the neighbors. We hear of the mines that pay, not of the forsaken holes in the ground. Every man calls to discover something that no other man believes in. As a rule he himself gives it up. I spent a good many evenings with an old man looking over the roughly drawn plan of an invention. It looked as if it would work, but it never did. The old man had little time and little money, and those who had abundance of time and money were not interested.

A man's best ambition is to learn to keep to himself. We live our best and our worst. An experience meeting in which people told their experience would be interesting. One is very shy of exhibiting his deeper thoughts. A lively conversation is usually about outward things. I would like very much a short-hand report of the conversation on the way to Emmaus.

I notice that one is a good deal by himself even when traveling in company. Two very near and dear friends can not keep together a whole day in London. One gets ahead of the other—they lose one another like the sail ships of a fleet, like a family from the country at a state fair. Friends can not keep together in the British museum.

We read that Jesus often escaped from the multitude; withdrew to the sea or to the hills—solitude. But now we are seeing the multitude following him. He was no longer going their way. The cheers died out of the air, the palm trees were withered on the Jericho road. He was going this way. The prophet had said something about the king who sits on a throne and says "I will be like the nations." That saying was to be fulfilled.

People do not like a cause that seems lost. It is one thing to follow General Hood to the edge of Nashville. There is hope in it—expectation. But when the city is taken, it is full of stores and clothing, ammunition, all the signs of war. These all lie right behind Dr. Negley and the lines of blue.

The great, hungry legions of Hood had an expectation—it was another thing to follow Hood back to the river—they were brave men, but they had failed, and were many of them going away from home. Their last heart had been shattered and they were never whole again.

The triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem is a human body had not amounted to anything. He had not declared himself. There were no signs of victory. His enemies were plotting and His friends were perplexed. The circle of hunters was closing in.

"Then cometh Jesus with His disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and saith to His disciples, Sit ye here while I go and pray." And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and said, "Tarry ye here and watch with me, and I will come and tarry with you, and the watchmen shall sleep, and He said unto Peter, 'Thou couldst not watch with me one hour?' and then He excused him. He said to him, 'The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak.'"

So David said of God, "He remembereth that we are dust." These are helping words. If there is any possible apology for our failure we need not make it. God is making it for us. He is not a prosecuting attorney. He is not even as a human judge, sitting alone, waiting to hear the charge and the defense. He is the defense. The poor publican throws up his hands and says, "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner." God understands his case, knows his condition, how he was raised, his every circumstance.

A man does not know why he is a good man. He does not realize how he has been fenced in from evil. Father and mother and teacher and neighbor have helped him. He has never been hungry and cold enough to steal. Things have been his way. Some children need no change of heart. They are born with their faces toward God and their hearts toward men.

The worst thing children will ever do is to make a mistake, and they will grieve over that more than Cain did over murder. I walked with a friend in his harvest field and we came on some acres of wheat and ten with great. He looked at the grain and said: "That must be good wheat."

Circumstances that we do not realize have much to do with us. God has them in His eye. In a cemetery in Paris I noted one grave of an American soldier, who in his life was a mixture of genius and error and misery. Under her name in the marble headstone were these words: "God knows."

"The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." It is worth while once in life to know the absolute power of sleep. It is stronger than any feeling of duty, than any love of life or fear of death. A soldier will sleep very sweetly between two days of awful battle. The fearful memory and the fearful expectation will not make him wakeful. If all soldiers found asleep had been about, very few soldiers would have come home.

These three disciples had been through trying days. A perplexed mind is a wearing thing on a tired body. A deferred and vanishing hope made their hearts sick, and nature had mercy on them. A terrible day was soon to dawn. "Sleep on now and take your rest," said the Lord. Sleep is what night is for to all tame things.

Night tends to timidity. Things are not seen, or are seen out of right form. Asleep one can endure darkness. I am especially charitable to a man who is compelled to work long hours in which daylight and darkness are. Nature is against long hours. "Man goeth forth to his labor unto the evening."

I never hear of a railroad accident without thinking how it might have been due to an over-worked, under-slept man. I sympathize for all that Peter did before day-light and wanted to do when I think of the conditions. He was cold, oppressed with sleep, and in the dark. Also mentally in the dark, under a master who seemed to be crying himself up. When the infatigable captain surrendered what can you look for in a sergeant?

Jesus took note of all these things, and afterward when all was over looked at him and commended him. But there are some things in this night happenings that are out of the usual, not what we might expect.

Jesus says, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death." Martyrs have not been exceeding sorrowful. Stephen, stoned to death, in a good cause, was not exceeding sorrowful.

He looked up into heaven and saw the glory of God, and said: "I see the heavens opened." Looking upward, full of grace, God's glory came into his face.

He was not sorry to be gone from stones and murderers to palm trees and his Lord. Moses had had enough of marching and meeting. He walked serenely up into the solitude of Jeho—his rest.

A HOOSIER'S COMIC OPERA

"SHIP AHOY," WRITTEN BY FRED MILLER, OF EVANSVILLE.

A "Farical, Nautical Operetta," In Is Called—Louise Montague, Forepaugh's Former Beauty, the Prima Donna—Ides.

"Ship Ahoy," which is announced for the Grand next week, is the joint production of J. H. Grafton Donnelly, who has been guilty of writing several farce comedies, and Fred Miller, a young man, whose home is in Evansville, and who has composed

much music of the popular order. It is called a "farical nautical operetta," which may be regarded as a sufficiently elastic designation to cover almost anything. It met with much success in Boston and New York, where it had runs of twelve and eight weeks respectively, and it is commended as a light, beautiful composition, with a strongly drawn comedy element. The company, which includes fifty people, has for its prima donna Mrs. Louise Montague, who years ago achieved fame as "Forepaugh's" "Two Thousand Dollar Beauty," and since then has shown in various burlesque and operatic companies. She is a clever, all-around performer, and an excellent singer. Others in the cast are James E. Sullivan, a well-known comedian, Harry B. Bell, Mrs. Florence Dunbar, Miss Annie Parrott and others. One of the features of the operetta is the scene in the last act, showing the arrival of nine vessels of the famous White Squadron as they approach Fort Monroe, coming up Chesapeake Bay. The vessels represented in miniature are the Chicago, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Atlanta, Veracruz, Newark and the Baltimore.

Mr. Miller evidently has some original ideas about musical compositions, and is evidently well satisfied with his own success. In an interview, he says: "The people have called for 'original American operas' for years past, and as so many good men who died years ago absorbed all the field of originality, it left the poor humble musicians of to-day out in the cold. I tried in every way to make what I called an 'original American opera,' but I found as long as I confined myself to the term 'opera,' it was impossible. If a musician attempts to compose an American opera, he must do something better than has ever been seen before, or else nothing for the American people demand the best or nothing. I finally came to the conclusion that in order to save myself

from perpetual disgrace, I must make their feet lead me in the shadow of the cross. The wisecracks of music and theorists in harmony with and laugh at our American jingle; but, nevertheless, the people want it, as is shown by the nightly enthusiasm at 'Ship Ahoy.' I am in a position to say that I am not a musician, but I am a writer of musical comedy, and I am perfectly satisfied to have them hurl 'reminiscence' at me. No musician of to-day is writing original music, for it is not in the jurisdiction of musical conception to do so. I defy any one to point out to me originality in musical composition, beyond the recognized old standards. I am in a position to say that I am not a musician, but I am a writer of musical comedy, and I am perfectly satisfied to have them hurl 'reminiscence' at me. No musician of to-day is writing original music, for it is not in the jurisdiction of musical conception to do so. 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